deputed by I.M.A. to Rishikesh on 31st January, 2000 to look into the working of Dr. R.K. Gupta who has been advertising in newspapers about his claim of treatment and complete cure of Epilepsy. I.M.A. found that Dr. Gupta's newspapers advertisement was in clear violation of medical ethics; as he was soliciting payments, using ayurvedic medicine having no proven effect on patients of Epilepsy and giving antiepileptic drugs, in very high doses, which are toxic and dangerous.

(b), (c) & (d) The complaint of I.M.A. against Dr. R.K. Gupta of Rishikesh was brought to the notice of Medical Council of India and the Central Council of Indian Medicine. The Central Council of Indian Medicine has requested the Controller, Bhartiya Chikitsa Parishad, Lucknow to examine the whole matter and take appropriate action against Dr. R.K. Gupta, who is registered under that Council, under the Indian Medicine (Standards of Professional Conduct, Etiquette & Code of Ethics) Regulations, 1982, framed under Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970.

Health-Care Facilities for Senior Citizens

3716. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of citizens above the age of 65 years in the country is increasing;

(b) whether the Census Commission of India conducted any study in this regard; if so, with what results;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme for their health-care free check-up facilities;

(d) the yearly budget allocations made during 2000-2001 and amount spent on each such citizen since 1998-1999;

(e) the amount provided to Delhi, Rajasthan and Orissa this year as compared to previous years; and

(f) whether the amount sanctioned was utilised properly; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) As per Registrar General of India, Census date from 1971 to 1991 reveals that the number and

percentage of senior citizens is increasing. Percentage of population aged 65 years and above in 1971 was 3.34 and this has been project to increase to 4.51% in 2000. Office of the Registrar General, India gives the expectation of life at birth and also at ages 60, 65 and 70 + for India for different time periods for which life tables are available for India and bigger States. Available figures reveals that life expectancy has increased significantly.

(c) There is no specific scheme for senior citizens. However, various disease control programmes cover senior citizens as well. Due emphasis is also being given to control of non-communicable diseases like Cancer, Diabetes etc. which are more common in the elderly. So far as the Central Government hospitals are concerned, the senior citizens are provided medical facilities on priority besides separate queue and separate counter to supply medicines.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

CGHS Dispensary in Srinivas Puri

3717. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the areas of Okhla Village, Haji colony, Jamia Nagar, Zakin Nagar, Batla House, Khizrabad, Noor Nagar, Okhla Vihar, Abul Fazal Enclave, Johri Farm, Bharat Nagar, Julena, Taimur Nagar, New Friends Colony, Maharani Bagh and Sukhdev Vihar are covered by the CGHS dispensary at Srinivas Puri, New Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware that around 10,000 Government employees are residing in the above mentioned areas;

(c) whether the above mentioned areas are 4 to 8 kms. away from the said dispensary; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to open a separate CGHS dispensary for the above mentioned areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 7,667 CGHS cards attached with the CGHS dispensary at Srinivaspuri at present.

(c) Yes, Sir.